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Sent: Monday, January 05, 2009 10:41 AM  
To: Wade, Leroy  
Subject: FW: Public Policy on State Financial Aid Programs (Park University response)

Dear Mr. Wade:

You will receive between now and Friday a formal position paper from ICUM, of which Park University is a member. I would like to share with you here some data related to Park's current Access Missouri recipients:

- \* 2008-9 Access Missouri Recipients: 380
- \* Median Age: 25.9
- \* Percentage of Recipients Aged 25 or Older: 43% (164 total)
- \* Percentage of Recipients Aged 30 or Older: 25% (95 total)
- \* Percentage of Recipients Aged 40 or Older: 7% (28 total)

Like many of the independent institutions across Missouri and the United States, Park University serves a diverse (42% of our students are from racial, ethnic and cultural groups typically underrepresented in colleges and universities) and multi-generational student population.

Please note that one-quarter of our Access Missouri recipients, many of whom work full-time and take classes during the evenings, are aged 30 or older. These students depend on Access Missouri to finance their education and on Park University to provide accessible quality academic programs.

I do hope the MDHE staff and CBHE consider the needs and interests of these "adult learners" during their evaluation of the Access Missouri program.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Best wishes,

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